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Table IS2.1 **Summary by source of income**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Source	*2014-2015 approved estimates*[a]	*2016-2017 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
A. Income from rental of premises	23 632.4	23 450.7	(181.7)
B. Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others	2 033.3	1 516.2	(517.1)
C. Bank interest	4 522.9	2 508.7	(2 014.2)
D. Sale of used equipment	380.2	113.0	(267.2)
E. Refund of previous years' expenditures	3 571.2	4 008.5	437.3
F. Contributions of non-member States	–	162.8	162.8
G. Television and similar services	60.0	80.0	20.0
H. Miscellaneous income	3 697.1	9 386.8	5 689.7
Total	**37 897.1**	**41 226.7**	**3 329.6**

[a] Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/263 A-C.

A. Income from rental of premises

IS2.1 The estimates under this heading, the details of which are shown in table IS2.2, relate to the payment of rent by a number of specialized agencies and other entities connected with the activities of the Organization for the occupancy of United Nations premises in New York, Geneva, Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Bangkok and Santiago. Under the terms of agreement with the Government of Austria, the United Nations does not charge rent for the space provided for other tenants on its premises in Vienna, and rental income generated in Vienna would devolve to the Government of Austria. The estimate for the biennium 2016-2017 reflects the full anticipated revenue for that financial period.

IS2.2 The estimated decrease of $181,700 in rental income is due to the combined decreases in Addis Ababa ($16,000), Bangkok ($125,100) and Headquarters ($48,000), partially offset by an increase in Santiago ($7,400). The decrease in rental income in Bangkok is due to the anticipated increase in the direct expenditures related to the maintenance of the rental space. The decrease in rental income at Headquarters is the net result of a reduction in rental income owing to a decrease in the space requirements of the German Translation Service, partially offset by an increase in occupancy by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the full biennium.

Table IS2.2 **Income from rental of premises**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Source	*2014-2015 approved estimates*[a]	*2016-2017 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
Headquarters, New York	4 482.6	4 434.6	(48.0)
United Nations Office at Geneva	2 400.0	2 400.0	–
United Nations Office at Nairobi	11 500.0	11 500.0	–
Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa	3 764.8	3 748.8	(16.0)

Source	*2014-2015 approved estimates*[a]	*2016-2017 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok	1 436.0	1 310.9	(125.1)
Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago	49.0	56.4	7.4
Total	**23 632.4**	**23 450.7**	**(181.7)**

[a] Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/263 A-C.

B. Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others

IS2.3 The expected income under this heading is set out in table IS2.3. The total estimated income of $1,516,200 reflects an estimated decrease of $517,100, resulting from: (a) a net decrease of $88,900 in reimbursement by specialized agencies for conference services and language training in Geneva, projections of which are based on actual income in 2014 and adjusted for currency fluctuation; and (b) a net decrease of $560,000 in Vienna owing to updated projections based on the adjusted actual income in 2014 and adjusted for currency fluctuation. The decrease is partially offset by an increase of $131,800 at the Economic Commission for Africa, owing to an increase in reimbursement for document reproduction services, based on projected higher requirements for such services in the forthcoming biennium, and an increase in reimbursement for language services as a result of an anticipated increase in the number of students.

Table IS2.3 **Reimbursement for services provided to specialized agencies and others**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Source	*2014-2015 approved estimates*[a]	*2016-2017 estimates*	*Increase (decrease)*
United Nations Office at Geneva	488.9	400.0	(88.9)
United Nations Office at Vienna	1 330.0	770.0	(560.0)
Economic Commission for Africa			
Document reproduction services	151.2	278.9	127.7
Language training	63.2	67.3	4.1
Total	**2 033.3**	**1 516.2**	**(517.1)**

[a] Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 69/263 A-C.

C. Bank interest

IS2.4 The weak global economic climate has resulted in persistently low interest rates, a trend that is expected to continue in the biennium 2016-2017. In addition, the Secretariat anticipates lower average cash balances. It is projected that interest income to be earned on United Nations bank account balances in respect of the general fund during the biennium 2016-2017 will amount to $2,508,700, a decrease of $2,014,200 from the approved estimate for the biennium 2014-2015 (General Assembly resolution 69/263 A-C).

D. Sale of used equipment

IS2.5 The estimate of $113,000, reflecting a decrease of $267,200 compared with the estimate approved for 2014-2015 (resolution 69/263 A-C), is projected for the sale of used equipment on the basis of income earned in 2014; the amount reflects the estimated decrease in equipment that might be sold in the biennium 2016-2017. The practice of trading in old vehicles against the purchase price of new vehicles continues, which means that the benefit of resale value is achieved by net lower purchase prices.

E. Refund of previous years' expenditures

IS2.6 An estimated amount of $4,008,500, reflecting a net increase of $437,300 compared with the estimate approved for the biennium 2014-2015 (resolution 69/263 A-C), is expected to be refunded from prior years' expenditures, which may include items such as airline rebates. The estimate for the biennium 2016-2017 is based on income recorded as at 31 March 2015; it should be noted, however, that the level of refunds is influenced by external factors and is therefore hard to predict with accuracy.

F. Contributions of non-member States

IS2.7 Under the terms of rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and regulation 3.9 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, States that are not members of the United Nations but participate in certain activities of the Organization contribute towards the expenses of such activities at rates to be determined by the Assembly. By its resolution 44/197 B, the General Assembly endorsed the revised assessment procedures for non-member States contained in paragraphs 50 to 52 of the report of the Committee on Contributions (A/44/11 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1). These procedures provide for assessment of contributions on the basis of a flat annual fee at the beginning of each year. The flat annual fee was calculated for each non-member State on the basis of a varying proportion of the applicable rate of assessment, which was applied to the applicable assessment base. The assessment base equals the total net assessment for the United Nations regular budget for the year, adjusted for tax refunds. By its resolution 58/1 B, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee on Contributions that the flat annual fee percentage of the Holy See should be fixed at 50 per cent of the notional rate of assessment and that further periodic review of the flat annual fee percentage should be suspended. By its decision 68/548, the General Assembly decided that the State of Palestine shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization for 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 on the basis of a notional assessment rate of 0.005 per cent, which represents the basis for the calculation of the flat annual fees. As such, the total contribution from these non-member States is projected at $162,800 for the biennium 2016-2017.

G. Television and similar services

IS2.8 Income from television and similar services, such as publication fees charged when the images within the United Nations photo library are used in commercially published print monographs, service fees and royalty fees charged for the research, screening and duplication of the United Nations video and film collection, is estimated at $80,000, reflecting an increase of $20,000. The expected increase is due to the proposal to revise the service fees charged to external clients for audiovisual archive footage.

H. Miscellaneous income

IS2.9 Various receipts that cannot properly be classified under any of the preceding subheadings, such as insurance claim settlements (excluding recoveries relating to storm Sandy (General Assembly resolution 67/254)) and outdated cheques, are included under this subheading. Given its nature, miscellaneous income is difficult to predict with accuracy. Accordingly, the estimate of $9,386,800 reflects a conservative approach and is based on the miscellaneous income recorded as at 31 March 2015. The amount is higher than the approved estimate for the biennium 2014-2015 (resolution 69/263 A-C) by $5,689,700, which reflects the fact that the actual income received during 2012-2013 is above the originally estimated amount for that biennium.